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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KHAMA'S ILLNESS ANNOUNCED

1. IT HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN TO TEN DAYS DUE TO "HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE." WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS BEEN PLACED IN A PRIVATE WARD IN SCOTTISH LIVINGSTONE HOSPITAL IN MOLEPOLOLE ABOUT 40 MILES WEST OF GABORONE.

2. PRESIDENT KHAMA HAS A HISTORY OF LIVER AND PANCREAS AILMENTS. HE HAS BEEN FOR SOME TIME UNDER DIETARY RESTRICTIONS BECAUSE OF DIABETIC CONDITION.

3. ILLNESS IS UNHAPPILY TIMED FOR BOTSWANA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS SEPTEMBER 30, CONSIDERATION NEXT STEPS ON RHODESIA AND NUMBER OF ISSUES AMBASSADOR PLANNED DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT PRIOR DEPARTURE MASERU OCTOBER 2 FOR LESOTHO INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS AND ROUND OF TALKS WITH SENIOR GOL OFFICIALS.

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